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FOR AMBASSADOR BOYD FROM UNDERSECRETARY COOPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR/UK-US

SUBJECT: US/UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. DEAR JIM:
I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR TAKING THE TROUBLE TO
HAVE WRITTEN TO ME ON THE QUESTION OF OUR AVIATION
NEGOTIATIONS WHICH AS YOU KNOW ARE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST
TO ME. HOWEVER, YOUR MESSAGE CONCERNED ME BECAUSE MY
FUNDAMENTAL POSITION, INCORPORATED IN THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS
PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR BOYD, APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN
TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY YOUR NEGOTIATORS. I HAD HOPED THAT BY
NOW WE WOULD HAVE ENTERED THE FINAL STAGES OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS, COMPLETE IN ALL MAJOR RESPECTS EXCEPT FOR
THE ACTUAL WRITTEN DOCUMENT, WHICH OF COURSE WILL TAKE
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TIME. I SAY THIS BECAUSE MY POSITION HAS BEEN THAT WE
RESPONDED TO YOUR BASIC NEEDS AND HAVE GONE A SUBSTANTIAL
DISTANCE IN MEETING YOUR POINT OF VIEW ON THE QUESTION
OF CAPACITY AND IN PROVIDING BRITISH AIRLINES GREATER
OPPORTUNITIES. I MADE THESE CONCESSIONS BECAUSE IT IS
OBVIOUS THAT OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP TRANSCENDS NARROW

ISSUES. BUT ANTI-COMPETITIVE REGIMES HAVE NEVER BEEN OUR POLICY AND I DO NOT INTEND TO INITIATE THEM NOW.

2. OUR PROPOSALS TO YOUR NEGOTIATORS REFLECT MY VIEW. I SINCERELY HOPE, JIM, THAT YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT A CESSATION OF AIR SERVICES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IS FOOLISH, BUT I MUST REITERATE THAT FURTHER CONCESSIONS, ON MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE, ON OUR SIDE ARE JUST NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY.

3. I HAVE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR BOYD, IN THE FEW HOURS WHICH REMAIN, TO ATTEMPT TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH YOU, PROVIDED IT DOES NOT INCLUDE FURTHER COMPROMISE ON THE CENTRAL ISSUES.

4. WITH ALL GOOD WISHES, JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE.

5. BRZEZINSKI APPROVES ABOVE TEXT AS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH PRESIDENT'S APPROACH. LETTER WILL BE SENT THROUGH CABINET CHANNEL UNLESS YOU HAVE STRONG SPECIFIC OBJECTION TO PARTICULAR WORDING.
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